

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON REGULAR
MEETING OF THE HIGHLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL**

October 7, 2024

Council convened at 7:22 p.m. with Council President Thomas presiding.

Present: Council Pro Tem Robinson, Councilwoman Manica, Councilman Ash-Shafii, and Council President Thomas (4).

Absent: Councilwoman Martin, (1).

A quorum being present, Council was declared in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

To approve the agenda as presented. Yeas (4), Nays (1) Robinson, Absent (1) Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council President Thomas

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Special Meeting held September 16, 2024. Yeas (2) Manica and Thomas, Nays (2) Ash-Shafii and Robinson, Absent (1) Martin.

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council President Thomas

To reconsider the vote on Approval of Minutes. Yeas (3), Nays (1) Robinson, Absent (1) Martin.

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Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council President Thomas

To approve the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Special Meeting held September 16, 2024, with the amendments proposed by Councilman Ash-Shafii. Yeas (3), Nays (1), Absent (1) Martin.

ORDINANCE FINAL READING

10-07-24 V

The following ordinance was submitted approval.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE TO
INCLUDE A SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS (SES) PROVISION
SECOND READING**

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council President Thomas

WHEREAS, the City of Highland Park desires to promote the use of clean energy, including the use of solar energy systems ("SES"); and

WHEREAS, the City's Engineer has proposed the adoption of SES provisions to the City's Planning and Zoning Ordinance, which is intended to: provide residents with a renewable, local and resilient non-polluting energy resource, decrease the cost of energy, improve the quality of life of residents as well as protect their public health, safety and welfare, protect property owner rights to construct SES in all zoning districts and protect legal permission from landlords to tenants, encourage and support environmental design through conservation or preservation in place and increase employment in the region by furthering the installation of SES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council, through its first reading only, approves the amendment to the City's Planning and Zoning to include a provision for the utilization and regulation of solar energy systems. Yeas (2) Manica and Thomas, Nays (2) Ash-Shafii and Robinson, Absent (1) Martin.

**BID OPENING
10-07-24 VI**

The Clerk stated this was the place and time to open bids received for Ives Field Recreation Enhancements.

No bids were received.

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Council President Thomas

To suspend the rules and reconsider the vote on the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance. Yeas (2) Manica and Thomas, Nays (2) Ash-Shafii and Robinson, Absent (1) Martin.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilwoman Manica
Supported by Councilman Ash-Shafii

To adjourn the meeting, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the attached is a copy of the minutes of the In-Person and Virtual Regular Meeting held the 7th day of October 2024 and that said minutes are available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice.



Cidia Wicker-Brown, Deputy City Clerk